LOCAL MISCELLANY.

WAS IT OPJUM OR WHISKEY?

FURTHER EXAMINATION IN JUSTICE PINCKNEY'S CASE. The examination of Justice Pinckney's case was continued yesterday. Mazor E. D. Luxton, a law-yer, testified that he practised sometimes in the Fifty-seventh Street Court, where he had seen Justice Pinckney so much under the influence of opium or whiskey while on the bench, as to have his tongue paralyzed and to be unfit to attend to his duties. Johanna Klein, through an interpreter, testified that two men, one of whom she afterwards learned was Justice Pinckney, once entered her lager beer saloon, at No 125 East Fifty-fifth-st., and insulted some women who were present; threw glasses around the room, and acted generally in a disorderly manner.

Mr. Reavy accused Mr. Campbell of leading this witness on by his questions, and said that he had been told to that once before.

"Not by you," related Mr.

by you," retorted Mr. Campbell, with a hot flush Well, I'll tell you now, then, and insist upon telling

angrily. The referce interposed, and peace again prevailed.

Cierk Anthony was recalled and read from his calculated the number of times Justice Pinckney was absent from the beach. The words "Judge absent" were written in heavy blue pencil across the face of the calcular each day that the Justice was absent, and when other justices took his place.

"On October 4." said the witness, "I have written down, 'Judge haf drunk;' on Sentember 8, 'Judge drunk,' and on September 18, 'Judge very drunk,' written in red ink." Mr. Authony continued that he had never fold a Mr. Kelly in the General Term court-room "that he had that d—n man (meaning Justice Pinckney) where he wanted him, and would keep him there." 'I never use any such language, sir, and do not know Mr. Kelly." The witness reiterated that Justice Pinckney admitted to him that he had altered the judgment-roll in the case of Fasseit against McSpeddon. The examination was adjourned until Monday.

THE CARE OF VAGRANT CHILDREN. PARENTS SHIFTING THEIR DUTY UPON THE CITY AUTHORITIES-A STATEMENT BY CONTROLLER

A law by the Legislature directs that all vagrant children between the ages of three and twelve years shall be sent to private instead of public charitable institutions, and such institutions receive money out of the Excise fund. Controller Kelly called the atten-

of the Excise fund. Controller Kelly called the attention of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction to the matter yesterday while they were before the Board of Apportionment explaining the estimates of their department for 1879.

Mr. Kelly said; "Are we not caring for some strangers! And so the police lustices, in committing children, make sufficient inquiry as to actual vagrancy?" He afterward stated that he believed many children were sent to the asylums who ought not to be. Drunken and lazy parents than shifted the support of their offspring upon the community. The Excise fund was fast being depleted from this cause and would in a few months be exhausted.

Mr. Brennan then seconded the recent appeal for Mr. Brennan then seconded the recent appeal for money to emerge the insane asylum. Controller Kelly interrapted him with the question: "What proportion of the insane are so owing to their over use of alcoholic liquors?"

More women become insane from the use of liquor in men." said Mr. Brennan. "Seventy-five per cent east of the women are also in the workhouse from that

cause."

Commissioner Cex appealed to the board not to reduce the appropriation asked by the Department. Even the increase of 1 cent a pound in the price of meas would involve as outlay by the department of about \$20,000. In reply to an inquiry of Controller Kelly's be said that no bodies were given for dissection to the medical institutions of the city except toose of paupers.

DISCUSSING NAVIGATION LAWS. . THE NATIONAL BOARD OF STEAM NAVIGATION OF-POSES ANY CHANGE IN THE LAWS.

The National Board of Steam Navigation held its seventh aunual meeting at the Astor House res-terday. About fifty members were present, among whom were the president, E. T. Evans, Buffalo; Thomas Clyde, Philadelphia; R. H. Woolfelk, Louisville; Frederick W. Nickerson and H. M. Whitney, Boston; E. W.

crica W. Nickerson and H. M. Whitney, Boston; E. W. Gould and John N. Bosinger, St. Louis; J. B. Coyle, Portland; I. K. Roberts, New-Orleans; C. W. Copeland and John E. Alexandre, New-York. A resolution was adopted requesting the Government to make more thorough disposition of sings and wrecks. In United States waters, and to place biogy on wrecks.

The special committee for preparing resolutions in regard to the proposed legislation by Congress admitting foreign vessels to American enrolment and registry, submitted its report. The resolutions deciare that the Board protests against changing the navigation laws, for the reasons that these laws have fostered American commerce, have created a large vessel-owning and building interest, involving over 5600,000,000, and employing over one and a half million of persons, and that this capital and employment would be imperified if not destroyed by the proposed change; and, finally, because fair competition has already dispersed American commerce sufficiently to lawe brought here all the idle vessels of the world. The resolutions eleited a general discussion, but there was no opposition to their adoction. The Board adjourned to meet next year at Cincinnati.

NEW AND CURIOUS SECT. A CHURCH IN WHICH WOMEN ONLY ARE OFFICERS -NO CONFESSION OF FAITH.

It is proposed by a number of women connected with the Medical Eclectic Society of this city, to establish a Woman's Church. The movement originated in a course of philosophic lectures delivered to the Psychometric Society during the last Summer, by Dr. Buchanan, a well-known spiritualist. The new church will maintain, it is said, what may be termed a creedless Christianity, as no profession of faith is to be formulated. Its great object will be to carry out the altruistic idea, unmixed with any doctrine; and the motto chosen is: "Little children love one another." It is thought large numbers of persons unsettled in their own churches will gladly welcome this latest development of free thought, and the opportunity it affords for union. In January the church will spring into existence, and the opening services will probably be held in the Lyceum Theatre. All the church officers will be women.

BUTLER'S CONSTANCY TO A CLIENT. THE POTTER COMMITTEE TO LANGUISH WITHOUT

HIM UNTIL THE END OF THE SHERIDAN SUIT. General Butler will not go to Washington antil the trial of the Sheridan suit is finished, and as the Potter Committee is apparently delaying action on the cipher dispatches until his arrival, a reporter of The Trimuse saked him last night at the Fifth Avenue Hotel what was likely to be done in the matter. In reply be said: "I have not seen or consulted with any member of the committee since it adjourned in the Summer, and I have no knowledge of what its probable action will be regarding an investigation of the cipher dispatches. When in Washington recently nothing was said to me about it by members of the committee for the reason, I suppose, that I did not see them."

ANTIQUE COLLECTION AT NEWARK.

The ladies of the Church of the Redeemer (Universalist), the Rev. Dr. J. E. Forrester, pastor, for mally opened a fair in Newark at Park Hall Wednesday The Rev. Dr. Chapin, of this city, delivered the address. Among the attractions are a Puritan kitchen and an art gallery filled with Revolutionary and other relics. The most interesting objects of the antique collection are the first American dag: sash worn by Miles Standish in the first American flag; sash worn by Miles Standish in 1620; slik dress and bonnet worn by Mrs. Miles Standish in 1620; piece of an old oak chest, 800 years old, that held the gold plate of the Old Caurch at Peover. Cheshire, Eug.; Bible 240 years old; embradered skirt of Mrs. John Hanceck; Bible dated 1607; chair of the XVth century, formerly the property of the royal family of Portugal; Portuguese plaque, 300 years old, very rare; spoon-rack, belonging to the grandmother of Lady Van Tassel, who is spoken of by Washington Irving; seat used in Potter Church, Good Luck, N. J., 110 years ago, where John Marray preached the first Universalist sermon in this country; searf and dress worn by Rose Standish in 1620; starry flag of Commodore Paul Jones, first one used in the Universalist some one used in the Universalist pook of original minutes of the trial of Benedict Arnoid for extravaguace as a Continental officer, at Morristown, N. J., in April, 1780; coin of Julius Casar, 49 B. C. There are large collections of cla coins and pictures of monarcis of Great Brintin, many of the latter team original paintings. The art gailery contains seventy-four paintings, some of them the work of old masters.

A DEBAUCH WHICH ENDED FATALLY. At the inquest yesterday in the case of Dantel Fitch, the Elevated Railroad engineer who was found insensible, at No. 22 South Fifth-ave., on Sunday morning, and who died at St. Vincent's Hospital on Monday, Napoleon B: Tibos tostified that he and Fitch were Napoleon B: Tibos testified that he and Firch were drunk on Saturday night, with some companions; but he remembered owing in the Van Dyke House, at Bayardst, at 3 a.m. A dispute about boxing occurred there with a number or nen, among whom i he witness said were Wilham Krating and Wilham Kelty, the prisoners. All went out together. Then he saw Keating push Fitch towards set of stone steps going down from the side-wark, and at the same time he was himself struck on the nead by Kelty. He cried "Police," and the two assailants ran sway. Tibbs then found Fitch at the foot of the stone steps beginned in the head, and they went home traction. The inquest adjourned until to-day.

THE MARTHA WASHINGTON RECEPTION.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Martha Wasuington Reception and Ball, on Monday evening at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, it was decided to hold the entertainment on Monday, February 24, 1879, because the anniversary of Washington's birthbecause the anniversary of Washington's birth-day falls this year upon Saturday. A tableau of the inaururation of Washington, and a new dance by twenty-five or thirty pairs of dancers in fancy costume will form part of the attractions in addition to the ball. The proceeds of the entertainment this year will be ap-propriated to the purchase and maintenance of a seaside hospital for destitute sick children.

SUIT FOR DAMAGES AGAINST A RAILROAD. William A. Righter and wife, of Broad-st., Newark, well-known and prominent citizens, began a suit yesterday in the Circuit Court at Newark, against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, for \$5,000 dam-ages for injuries sustained by Mrs. Righter and her chil-dren, near Norin Elizabeth, on July 22, when the car-tage of plaintiff was run into by a locomotive of the

Pennsylvania Railroad. Mrs. Righter was badly cut about the head, and her right leg was broken in two places. The children were not badly hurt. The suit is attraction attantion.

INSTANCES OF REDUCED RATES. MERCHANTS WHO ARE FAVORED BY RAILROADS

AND MERCHANTS WHO ARE NOT. The reports about the cutting of freight rates by the railroads are further confirmed Wednesday the statements of a number of merchants on the Produce Exchange. The railroad pool it said was one of the greatest evils

on the Produce Exchange. The railroad pool it was said was one of the greatest evils of the country; there ought to be some national law which would make the managers of the roads abide by their charters. Said one merchant: "The railroads are commen carriers, the meaning of which is that they shall offer equal facilities to all. There is no reason why they should not take a thousand carloads for one man at the same rate that they would carry the same amount for another, from the same point; if it were made a test case in the courts, a violation of the rule, I believe, would result in a revocation of their charter."

It was stated that the railroads in many cases presented bills to merchants who were allowed to cut rates, but later there would be an additional rebute of from 10 to 15 per cent in favor of one. Two merchants, it was said, by way of example, had made a contract for freight from Chicago to New-York at 25 cents, the schedule rate being 35 cents; when the bills were presented one merchant was allowed a rebute of 22g cents a hundred. A specific instance was found, it was allered, in the case of Armour, Plankinton & Co., and Herman Brock, both provision dealers. Mr. Brock ordered 250 tierces of lard from Chicago. On the same day it which this amount was shipped to him an equal amount was sent; he allered, making a reduction of \$24. Yesterday Mr. Brock found that he had been given a cut rate, making a reduction of \$24. Yesterday Mr. Brock found that he had been given a cut rate, making a reduction of \$24. Yesterday Mr. Armour sent to Mr. Brock and wanted the matter corrected, when the latter replied that if the road had made a mistake that was not his fault. Mr. Brock stated that the private rates allowed to some firms to the exclusion of others were running the trade. No firms could compete with others having the benefit of such privileges. He insisted that uniform rates should be established and maintained, and then merenants could carry on their bissness on equal chances. He had just received an order

HATS, CAPS AND FURS. AN IMPROVED TRADE-LOW PRICES AND RAPID

SALES-STYLES FOR THE WINTER. The hat business is one requiring great skill and watchfulness on the part of manufacturers and dealers to prevent loss. The material from which felt and silk hats are made is all imported; when the price of felt falls, so that it does not pay to prepare the furs from which it is made, they are permitted to go to rasic, and prices are sure to rise in a short time. Those dealers who buy heavily on a falling market are the

only ones who find the business profitable. Charles Knox, of No. 212 Broadway and No. 194 Fifthave., whatever thay have been his misfortune connected with real estate, seems to have shown himself thoroughly acquainted with the wants of the public in connection with the business in which he has long been a leader. The reduction of the price of silk hats from \$8 to \$6 has increased the demand in his stores one hundred per cent, and this has resulted in an advantage to the workmen, by giving them more steady employment, although wages have been reduced 25 per cent. There is little change in the demand for felt hats. The season is backward for furs. Seal-skin caps for men are made lighter than formerly, so that they can be worn during a longer period of the year.

When L. Burke, of No. 214 Broadway, deals in hats, lady's and gentlemen's furs, carriage robes, etc. He reports prices about the same as last year, although the cost of the material is higher. The Vanderbilt driving cap is a novelty among fars; the band punis down over the cars instead of rolling down. The Alexis cap is very pretty, and will be more fashlonable this season than the caps with bands. The Derby felt hat has been largely supplianted by the hat with a semi-square crown. In nection with the business in which he has long been a

pretty, and will be more fashionable this season than the cans with bands. The Dorby felt hat has been largely supplanted by the hat with a semi-square crown. In soft felt hats the crown is worn lower, but Mr. Burke has a soft dress int with high crown, a detached sweatband fastened by machinery and a flange brim which is very stylish. Lady's scaleshin sacks are worn about thirty-one incines long this season and range in price from \$100 to \$300. Mr. Burke has a fine assortment of dark mink-sable muffs. The great advantage which dealers have in these times of depressed prices is teduced expenses. Mr. Burke says they handle as much money as formerly, but have to sell more goods to do so, and as large percentage of receipts is profit.

Nicholas Espenscheid, of No, 118 Nassau-st., is a manufacturer of all kinds of hats and caps, doing business near the spot where he has been established for more than thirty years. He reports business as having been better during September and October than for several years past. It is now shack, but there are indications that business will be better soon.

Mr. Ernenwein, in Nassau, usar Spruce-st., reports a better oushiess than for three years. Prices reached bottom last Spring, and are now stationary. Making allowance for the lucrease in duty on the material or which hats are made, they are cheaper than in 1860.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH IN NEWARK.

The funeral of Mrs. Theophilus Maschy, of No. 12 Hampden-st., Newark, who died suddenly on city, took place on Tuesday in the Fairmount Baptist Church. Coroner Dill began an inquest in the case at the Court House Wednesday, Prosecutor Abed representing the State. Dr. Ella Haines was represented by counsel. Theophilus Maschy, husband of the dead woman, testified that his wife was thirty-nine years old; she went to Dr. Haines's office at his request to collect a bill; she had not been attended by Dr. Haines for more than a year, but they had been on faulthar terms; his wife had often complained of pain in her head. Dr. Ella Haines testified that she had previously treated Mrs. Maschy and that en Saturday, the latter desired her to perform another operation, at the same time declaring that she was not with child. While performing the operation Mrs. Maschy was seized with a familing fit, and deed in a few minutes in convaisions. The inquest was continued yesterday. County Physician Hewlett testified that he made a post mortem examination, and being the declaring that Mrs. Maschy died from asphyxia, produced by convaisions during the performance of an operation by Dr. Ella Haines; and in their opinion Dr. Haines was censurable because she relied entirely upon the statement of the woman, as to here condition. Church. Coroner Dill began an inquest in the case at

LOSSES AT THE NASSAU-ST. FIRE.

The losses sustained by the firms occupying the Fowler Building, at Nassau and Ann sts., from the fire of yesterday morning amount to nearly \$100,000. John Polhemus, book and job printer, sustained the heaviest dumage. All his type, eleven Hoe presses, a large stock of paper, the cases, and a Baxter engine were among his property destroyed. His loss is estiwere among his property destroyed. His loss is estimated at \$80,000, on which there is an insurance of \$54,000, divided among twenty-five companies, foreign and domestic. The loss sustained by John A. Dougan, hatter, who occupied the first floor, was caused principally by water, and is more than covered by an insurance of \$6,000, in policies of \$1,500 each, in the Rehef. Hartford, Etna and Mercantile Companies. A. Zoeipfet, keeper of a restaurant in the basement, estimates his loss at \$1,000, tuly insured in the German-American Company, of New-York. The \$500 loss of William Stacom, of No. 38 Annest., is fully covered by insurance in the London Globe Company, as is also that of B. J. Curley, kalsominer, in the same building, whose loss is estimated at \$300. Joseph Isaac's cigar store, No. 102 Nassau-st., was damaged to the extent of \$800, acd was insured for \$1.500.

The stock of those occupying the haif of the building fronting Nassau-st, is uniquited.

The building, owned by the Fowler Brothers, is damaged to the extent of \$10,000, fully insured in home companies.

WHAT CONSTITUTES AN INN ?

The legal contest between the Excise Commissioners and the Society for the Prevention of Crime went on yesterday at the Tombs Police Court. The sowent on yearday were detected in the commissioners with having "illegally and corruptly" issued a hotel license to Byrne & White. and corruptly "issued a hotel license to Byrne & White, of No.19 West Houston-st. The proscention strove to show that there was an abundance of notels in the vicinity of the saloon of Byrne & White, and therefore no necessary existed for issuing a license to them "to keep an ine," Records efficienses issued to the proprietors of the Metropolitan Hotel, the Grand Hotel, and a hotel on Bloceker-st, were read to prove this point. The owner of the building testified that on the second floor Byrne & White had several beds ready for travellers. Excise Commissioner Morrison testified that the place was first reported upon unhavorably, but upon the firm complying with a request that they make their building look more like an lun, a license was issued. Excise Commissioners in Baffalo, Alonay and Brooklyn had informed him that it was not their practice to require the fling of a petition in favor of a ficense by twenty free-noiders. The further hearing of testimony was postponed until Tuesday next.

UTILIZING THE GOLD ROOM.

A petition now being circulated among members of the New-York Stock Exchange, which already has over 300 signatures, declares that the Exchange should now recognize the value of the various mining properties of the country. It is claimed that members properties of the country. It is claimed that members should have an opportunity to deal in mining stocks without joining another association. The Governing Committee is asked to order that after January 1 the Gold Department of the Stock Exchange be made a separate Mining Department of the New-York Stock Exchange. A special countities has been appointed to consider the question. Members of the Stock Exchange are divided on the subject, those who sustain Secretary Sherman's plans for resumption believing that there will be no further use of a separate gold department after January 1, while others claim that a speculative movement in gold will follow resumption. The latter will oppose the project. The general opinion yesierday was that the petitioners would prevail. committee is asked to order that after January 1 the Gold Department of the Stock Exchange are divided on the New York Stock Exchange are divided on the subject, those who entain secretary sherman's plans for resumption believing that there will be no further use of a separate gold department after January 1, white others claim that a speculative movement in gold will follow resumption. The latter will oppose the project. The general opinion yesterday was that the potitioners would prevail.

LARGE SALES OF GOVERNMENT BONDS.
The First National Bank forwarded to Washington last evening another subscription of \$1,000,000 to \$1,

for Government bonds is reported to be unusually heavy, the transactions for the past three days at the First National Bauk alone exceeding \$7,500,000.

SALE OF FINE FURNITURE. The furniture of Rudolph Withaus, a wealthy merchant, who died about two years ago, was sold yesterday by auction, at No. 31 West Thirty-fourth-st. This house was decorated in a sumptuous manner by its late owner. Elaborate coloring everywhere catches the eye, and there is seemingly not a bare inch of wall from basement to garret. Some of the medallions have a fine artistic finish. One room is painted in the style of a Pompelian interior. The family of Mr. Withaus lately left their residence, taking with them the smaller and

left their residence, taking with them the smaller and finer bronzes, pictures and statuary, but all the heavier furnitine was offered for sale.

Very low prices were obtained. A bedroom snite in rosewood, by Roux, of this city, sold for \$428, and an exquisite little Pompeilan chair for \$14. A richly carved oaken buffet in the dining room was slowly knocked down at \$600. Four chase trophies in the same room, and also of oak, brought \$40 a piece, one-quarter of the price paid to the artist. The furniture of the drawing-room and variors, in the florid Luiis quinze style, and made originally at a cost of \$25,000, was sold off in fragments at about \$2,500. A D'Orsar carriance, by Kellner, of Paris, built to order for \$3,000, was sold for \$550. The total sum obtained was upwards of \$12,000.

COMFORT FOR OCEAN TRAVELLERS.

District-Attorney Woodford states that the work of searching the records to secure a clear title to the land which the Government wishes to buy for the new Barge Office at the Battery is advancing slowly, wing to the number of papers to be inspected. The an Act of 1873. But there are against the city, as owner, more than a thousand unsatisfied "judgments," and causes in action; and, although in General Woodford's opinion, it is morally certain that none of these are against the property n question, it is necessary to examine each one in

eral Graham, Surveyor of the Port, said Wednes-General Grabam, Surveyor of the Port, said Wednesday that the plans for the new building were still in the
hands of Supervising-Architect Hill, at Washington, and
that he saw them recently while there and thinks they
are very fine. The sew structure, which will include a Barge Office proper and a dock, inclosed with iron and glass, for the examination
of passengers' largaze, has already been described
in The Tribune. The Surveyor said that work
would be begun upon the foundation as soon as the Government secures its little to the land. This is a triangular piece, with a frontage on the water of sixty-four
feet, adjoining the Government dock at the Bartery of
the North River side. The piece to be paid to the city is
\$4.000. The sum of \$225,000 was appropriated by Congress for the new structure.

KINGS COUNTY SUPERVISORS SURPRISED. A resolution, which was a surprise to some embers of the Kings County Beard of Supervisors, was offered yesterday, reappointing E. B. Cadiey Clerk of the Board; James L. Connolly and J. S. Stryker, Assistant-clerks; E. J. Thomrs, Inspector of Coal and Wood; T. P. McFall, Engineer of the Jail, and Michael Wood; T. P. McFall, Engineer of the Jail, and Michael Clancy and John Bracy, Engineers of the Court II use. The appendment of these officers has generally been made at the beginning of the year, when the board is reorganized. As about as the resolution was offered, Supervisor Byrne, of the Sixth Ward, sprang to his feet and denounced it as an outrage and a "put no job," The lobby chiered, and great confusion cosmed. The chalrman became confused by the numerous joints of order pressed upon him, and sharp words passed between several members of the board. Supervisor Machendald, of the Nineteenth Ward, called upon the chairman to maintain order, and said that if something like decorum was not preserved be should feed like resigning from the board. Under the action of the previous question the resolution was at length adopted by a vote of 18 to 11.

CHANGES IN THE ACADEMY.

DISCUSSION OF STOCKHOLDERS' RIGHTS. RELATIONS OF MANAGER MAPLESON AND THE DI-RECTORS-WHAT HAS BEEN DONE TO SECURE

There was no little talk yesterday among the directors of the Academy of Music, about the opin-ions which Mr. Mapleson is said to have expressed in regard to the relations between himself and the directors. It was said that Mr. Mapleson's alleged charge of the directors' niggardliness in their dealings with him was without the slightest reason.
Said one of the directors yesterday: "Mr. Mapleson

is reported as saying that he expended \$75,000 in fitting out his troupe before starting for America. That may be; but before he could leave Queenstown the directors of the Academy, who were very desirous of doing all in their power to secure a first-class opera season, virtually advanced him \$15,000 in answer to his dispatch that he could not not leave Queenstown without money. This \$15,000 was a loan for the accommodation of Mr. Mapleson, and it has been paid recently. In the next place, the Academy is rented to him for merely a nominal sum, \$75 a night, for two seasons of thirty nights each. This just about pays for the heating and lighting; so from a fluancial point of view, the Academy makes absolutely nothing out of the contract. This covers a period of five years, in each of which sixty performances are to be given. We thought it desirable to have, if possible, an opera that would be thoroughly enjoyable, and opera that would be thoroughly enjoyable, and with that in view, we rented the Academy to Mr. Mapleson at these low terms. There is a heavy debt on the property, and we have to look to the balls, lectures, etc., that are given every year in the building for our receipts. Mr. Mapleson's visit to this country was a venture of course, attended with considerable risk, and this risk the directors willingly took. If thing had proved a failure we should obliged to pay the bills. Sur ly these facts do not indicate that Mr. Mapleson was met by the directors in a plegardly spirit.

"Well, in regard to the scenery, there was originally a clause in the contract which provided that for all new scenery Mr. Mapleson should pay half and the Academy seenery Mr. Mapleson should pay half and the Academy half. And under this arrangement new scenery was painted for 'Carmen.' at a total cost of \$2,100, of which the Academy puld \$1,000. So, too, about carpets, drop-currain and a score of other things that Mr. Mapleson wanted: \$1,725 was expended for them, \$500 was paid by Mr. Mapleson, and the balance was paid by the Academy and by private subscriptions among the shareholders, who have always shown a per feet willingness to aid Mr. Mapleson in his attempts to render the Academy attractive. The clause in the contract requiring the Academy to pay half of the expense of new scenery was stricken out, by an arrangement between Mr. Pielps and Mr. Mapleson, and the scenery which he has had painted at a cost of \$300, since the 'Carmen' scenery was finished, he has paid for himself, I suppose. The fact is, he has the Academy for almost nothing, and he is continually trying to get the directors to pay this bill and that for all sorts of things. The Academy holds over 3,000 people, aside from the shareholders, and everyore Knows that the opera performances have been so crowded that the papers have called attention to the dancer of allowing the aisles to be filled. With such houses Mr. Mapleson certainly ought not to compiain of a poor scason, and to blane the shareholders for occupying the sears, the right to which they reserved in the contract. For my part, I am heartily tried of the cry which Mr. Mapleson seems to be continually uttering that the directors are treating him in a mean shabby manner. The facts show the reverse. When Mr. Mapleson says that the directors don't know how to mannee an opera, he goes out of his way to say something to the shareholders as a body, and if he thinks that they do not fulfil their part of the contract, he is at perfect interv to go to the Globe Theatre, as it is said he has threatened to do."

During the day at Thinuse reporter obtained a copy of the following letter, received December 5, which tiles frates the way in which the Academy half. And under this arrangement new scenery was

at least one instance:

DEAR SIR: I am in receipt of your favor of this date harding me the receipt of your favor of this date harding me the received bills for various quantities of carpeting, plaid deliburs, stair-rods, tambrequins, and counters, amounting in the aggregate to \$5.28 35, which the gentlemen hamed below have very kindly supplied, and presented to the Academy of Music. These articles were much wanted, and I will communicate this generous act to the directors at toeir next meeting. Tanking you in their name, as well as the stockholders generally, in the meantime I am, dear sir, your most obscirent servant.

ROYAL PHELES,

| ROYAL PHELES, | Tressurer of Academy of Music, | Hon. L. P. Morton. \$100 00 | William Lebby ... 25 00 | Clarence A. Seward 100 00 | T. B. Musgrave ... 103 35 | Wm. B. Dinsmore. 103 00 | Total ... \$528 35

nortgage can be paid off out of the rental of the house. But to do this, it is necessary that the officers should have power to rent the building, without any restriction as to the rights of shareholders to seats, or admissions, except for operas. Practically this has been the case heretofore, but, as the reservation of shareholders' rights has to be made, except in the case of balls, and is objected to, many applicants are thereby turned away to other halls. The Union Trust Company is urgenity calling for the payment of its mortgage of \$15,000, and it will be difficult to find any one to assume it under assignment, unless the shareholders express their willingness to concede the recommendation of their treasurer. The concession of shareholders' rights might be limited to two years."

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The Executive Committee, consisting of Angust Belmont, Joseph Brandon, Woodbury G. Langdon and Clarence A. Seward, resolved unanimously to send this letter to the snareholders, and urged them to acquiesce in the suggestion of the treasurer. In case they did so, each was to return a letter authorizing the directors to surrender, for two years from December 6, his right of occupancy of the seats therein now occupied by him, and also his right of entrance thereto for any and all representations and entertainments, other than for operatic representations.

The Executive Committee met yesterday in August Belmont's office, and held a private conference in relation to the replies which had been received from the stockholders. Iwo members of the committee said last evening that the meeting was entirely harmonious, but that the business transacted was not of interest to the public, it was stated, however, that the expected communications from the stockholders had not all been sent in. Most of the letters received favored the plans of the committee, Only one letter of dissent was received, and this one conveyed a protest against any surrender of rights to seats. The name of the dissenting stockholder was not revealed. The number of replies, it was said, was not large enough to indecate the opinions of a sufficient number of the starcholders, and the committee and adjourned without coming to any decision. Another meeting would be held, it was said, as soon as replies had been received from more of the stockholders.

CURIOUS AND BEAUTIFUL TOYS.

EHRICH'S IMPORTATIONS FROM PARIS-SCIENTIFIC

WONDERS IN DOLLS. The bad weather of the last few days has revented many persons from visiting the unusually at tractive opening of holiday toys which has taken place at Ehrich's. One of the windows on Eighth-ave, repre sents a children's garden party in exactly the same style this firm received is direct, at a cost of 3,500 francs. The party is in an arbor, and the vines bear bunches of grapes. One little fellow has climbed, the trelits, and is from a pretty Sammer-house to receive it. A little miss is perched among the vines playing the dram; two other misses are quarreining over a tart. The whole is most beautiful and lite-like. The dolls are jointed, and cach face hears the expression appropriate to its attitude. Each one is so elegantly dressed that the firm intends copying the costumes in their children's suit described.

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Another window is fixed up with a tank and other apliances, to exhibit the swimming doils who fleat and
when should in the most natural manner. A nother soucuir of the Paris Exposition is a mechanical toy inclosed wenir of the Paris Exposition is a mechanical toy inclosed in glass and representant a moonlight scene at midnight. A cover is serenaum his lady-love with a guitar, and awake as not only his haly but several other persons who evidently think the serenade intended for them. The reof on which he is is air ady ministred by its usual screenaders, the cats, who appear to enjoy the music. The scene changes: an old man opens an attle window and gazes angray around. Every other head is withdrawn, the lover disappears, and even the cats cease to move their heads but sit still until the old man disappears. Then the music begins again, and the whole scene is repeated.

Sany other mechanical toys are exhibited, among the innideomest of which is a monkey playing a harp, with the droids at minacinable, and dressed is the richest of dresses. A beautiful flower girl waters her plants, and bends occasionally to manic their fragrance, granding conjuctishly around in the meantine. Not withstanding the number of toys of exhibition, the store is not entirely given over to treat. Many goods are shown suitable for presents for older people, although it must be confessed the children have the best of it.

THE MEXICAN REPUBLIC.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 3 .- Mr. Foster, the United States Minister, gave a grand ball at the Legation on Thanksgiving. Two hundred persons were present. Among the guests were President Diaz, the foreign rep-resentatives, the Ministers and many Members of Congress. President Hayes's Thanksgiving proclamation was read in Spanish. Mr. Foster returned thanks for the donations to the yellow fever sufferers.

The Chicago visitors left Galveston on the 2d inst., and are expected at Vera Cruz on the 5th. A reception committee was organized at Vera Cruz. Peace prevails and business is getting steady. Congress is still considering the railroad concessions. The probabilities are that it will approve the Teaunitepee and Sullivan-Palmer concessions. Mr. Sullivan had urged the Execution of the probabilities of the concessions. rainler concessions. Mr. Sullivan had argod the Exced-tive to cause Congress to decide on the validity of the concessions granted hist year.

SHE MEANT WELL.-Lodging-house keeper (to visitor about to densit): "When saall we see yer down again, str" Visitor: "Oh, I'm sire to come down again directly I'm ill." L. H. K.: "Ope we shall see yer soon, then, sir." The old gentieman thought her most unkind.—[Fun.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

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SHIP NEWS.

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Bark Droming Sophie (Nor), Jansen, Fleetwood 48 days, unlined to Funch, Edye & Co.
Bark Errane (Aust), Nicolich, Marseilles 37 days, in ballast Golin C Seager.

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udgett. rge Potomac, Sweeney, Phriadelphia, James Rand.

HALIPAN, N.S., Dec. 12 — The schooners Lizzie M. Stawart and Watson Baker, from Prince Edwards Island for Reston, eith postatoes, were wrecked near Shan Harbor during the are storm. The crews were storm. The crews were CKLAND, Me., Dec. 12.—The schooner Harp, from Calais toston, with tumber, was driven ashore at North Cove, for Roston, with lumber, was driven ashore marp, from Canals for Roston, with lumber, was driven ashore at North Cove, and went to pieces.

The schooler Simbeam, of this city, loading granite at Charles Island, went ashore and was badly damaged.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 12.—The schooler Waterline, of Boston, with a general cargo from New-York for Gaiveston, was towed in below with five fleet of water in her hold. She will probably discharge her cargo and repair here.

RIDDIFFORD, Me. Dec. 12.—About moon yesterday, portions of a week bersan landing about half a mile west of Life Saying Station of the Schooler George, of Bangor,

LONDON. Dec 12.—Str England, from New York arr off Holyoke at # a m. GLASGOW, Dec 12.—Arr atr State of Louislana, from New-12.-Str England, from New York arr off

GLASGOW, Doc 12.—Arr str State of Louisiana, from New-York.

Sailed from Larne, str State of Virginia, for New-York.

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LONDON, Doc 12.—Sailed 26th uit. José B Lopez. 11th inst,
Valkyria, Hattie M, Freir. 12th inst, Memio, both for Baltimore: Buth Topiniz, for Smithville; Morning Star.
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Sth inst, Patgion, Mathusalem, the latter at Domannenez, 10th
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